

**Budget and Finance Committee
Regular Meeting
March 27, 2003-1:30 p.m.
Tribal Office Boardroom**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call-

Committee Chairperson Laurie Reiter called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. Those present: Anthony Waupochick Sr., Michael Chapman, Ann Marie Johnson and Kathy Kaquatosh. Dan Maine was absent.

2. Moment of Silence - A moment of silence was observed.

3. Approval of Minutes from February 11, 2003-

Motion made by Anthony Waupochick to approve the minutes dated February 11, 2003 with corrections. Motion was seconded by Ann Marie Johnson. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.

4. Review Donation Requests-

Committee reviewed the donation requests and decided to deny the requests because there is still no money in the budget to grant the requests. Chairperson Reiter wanted to know if it was standard procedure that the requests come through this committee. Tony Waupochick explained that the requests first go to the Chairman's office and the Chair will send them to the committee for review. Tony also explained that several other requests from various outside agency's have come through the committee in the past and they all have been denied due to the budget situation.

Chairperson Reiter asked the committee about the local boxing club and if they came to the committee with requests because they came to the Woodland Boys and Girls Club with a request for money. Committee members stated that a budget proposal was submitted for FY 03 but the committee chose not to fund them.

Motion made by Anthony Waupochick Sr. to deny the request for money from ACE Boxing and Flandreau High School. Motion was seconded by Michael Chapman. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.

5. Discuss Legislative Motion Re: Per Capita Payments-

Kathy Kaquatosh explained that the reason the issue came up is because people were still are coming to look for their past per capita checks. Every year that per-capita payments were issued, there were several tribal members that couldn't be located. Kathy stated that Eileen Shultz in Enrollment would happen to track someone down and would send them the paper work to claim their per capita payment. Kathy also explained that there is no special account where unclaimed per capita checks are kept.

The Net Use Revenue Plan is the only document there is to follow for per capita payments and does not have any provisions stating whether a person can or can not pick up past per capita checks. Committee thinks the plan needs to be changed and a provision added. Kathy stated that if changes are made to the plan it then has to be sent to the BIA for approval. Since the Net Use Revenue Plan is policy, committee feels it should go to the Governmental Affairs Committee for approval.

Chairperson Reiter stated that the Enrollment office should provide a listing of all tribal members according to their ages.

Motion made by Ann Marie Johnson to refer the Net Use Revenue Plan to the Governmental Affairs Committee. Motion was 3 seconded by Anthony Waupochick. All those in favor of the

motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.

6. FY 04 Budget Discussion-

Kathy Kaquatosh stated that she has nothing against committee member Dan Maine but asked Chairperson Reiter if Casino Financial Manager Jane Sorely can be put back on the committee. Kathy stated that all budget issues go back to the casino and how much money they will be transferring over. Chairperson Reiter said that it makes sense to have Jane on the committee and will speak to Tribal Chairperson Joan Delabreau on the issue. Kathy stated that if it's not possible to have Jane on the committee, could it be possible to have her at all the meetings.

Ann Marie Johnson stated that right now there isn't much that can be done about the budgets. The paperwork was sent out and the budgets aren't due until April 8, 2003. Once the budgets are submitted, the Administrator's Office will review them and they can be sent to the committee members.

Committee members stated that the next step for them is to review the budgets and categorize them and they will do that at the next meeting.

7. Other Business-

Committee discussed the meeting dates and times and decided on having them every 1st Wednesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. However, the next meeting will be April 16, 2003 at 8:30 a.m.

Committee members discussed the upcoming General Council Meeting and the Stumpage Issue. Chairperson Reiter explained to the committee that she was assigned as a member of the MTL/MTE Task Force and has since developed a better understanding of the MTE operation.

8. Adjournment-

Motion made by Michael Chapman to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Legislative Staff Services